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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 2/26/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The claim amendments obviate the 112 rejections and are therefore withdrawn.

In response to applicant's arguments regarding the combination of Li and Takahashi, a prior art reference must be considered in its entirety, including portions that would lead away from the *claimed* invention. MPEP 2141.02. While a low initial adhesive strength may be a desired benefit of the instant invention, this is not claimed. Additionally, there is nothing in the prior art references that would teach away from their combination. Li makes no mention of desiring a low initial adhesive strength. The skilled artisan could combine Li and Takahashi, in order to improve initial adhesion, with nothing teaching away from the combination in either reference, arriving at the instantly claimed invention.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NOAH FRANK whose telephone number is (571)270-3667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5 EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Eashoo can be reached on 571-272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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